

AGENDA FOR THE 2003-MAR-03 MEETING
OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE,
TO BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL, COMMENCING AT 3:00 P.M.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the 2003-JAN-24 Meeting of the Economic Development Standing Committee held in the Board Room, City Hall at 3:06 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

3. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS: (*green*) (10 MINUTES)

- (a) James Cunningham and Tessa Carey of Catch The Wind, 519 Prideaux Street, Nanaimo, BC, to explain how buskers contribute to the downtown and harbourfront.

4. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES: (*tan*)

Downtown Nanaimo Partnership:

(a) Street Entertainment Report

An ad hoc committee was struck by the Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Sub-Committee of the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership (DNP) in April 2002 with the endorsement of the Cultural Committee of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission to review the City's Street Entertainment Bylaw.

The following seven points represent the key recommended changes:

1. Duration of performance in any one location
2. Distance between performance sites
3. Individual or Group Entertainer
4. Limitations to sound levels and amplification
5. Issuance of Licenses
6. Defining 'Street Entertainment' as distinct from 'Vending'
7. Street Entertainment Sites

The committee suggests that the changes to the Bylaw be adopted for a trial period from March to September 2003, and that the Bylaw, guidelines and locations be reviewed in the context of stakeholder feedback so that appropriate adjustments can be made, as necessary, in the latter part of 2003.

Recommendation: That the Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Council endorse the Street Entertainment Bylaw, Street Entertainment Guidelines and Street Entertainment Sites as outlined in the City Staff Report.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *(blue)*

As attached.

6. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS: *(white)*

- (a) Report from the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership regarding motions dealing with the Conference Centre, Business Recruitment Program, Street Entertainment Bylaw, and the Homeless Shelter.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: *(pink)*

- (a) Letter dated 2003-JAN-16 from Ms. Anne MacMillan, 504 Blue Girl Way, Nanaimo, BC, requesting that standards be established for buskers.
- (b) Letter dated 2003-JAN-28 from Jim and Alice Dawson, 24 Prideaux Street, Nanaimo, BC, regarding noise pollution in the downtown from buskers.
- (c) Email dated 2003-FEB-18 from Mr. Bruce M. Sampson, The Brewers Wort, 50 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, requesting that buskers be auditioned or moved to another part of the city.
- (d) Email dated 2003-FEB-24 from Rene Delasalle, Bestsellers Bookstore, 29 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, requesting that the busking site located at 44 Commercial Street be removed completely.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION:

9. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS / OTHER BUSINESS:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

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TO: The Members of the Committee

(5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

FINANCE:

(1) Street Entertainers Regulation Bylaw

Street entertainment is perceived by many to be a valued and important attribute to the City of Nanaimo. However, Council, City Staff and the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership (DNP) receive complaints about Street Entertainers on an ongoing basis. Some of these complaints result from the fact that the current Street Entertainer Bylaw does not provide detailed definitions, criteria and guidance. In response to these and other challenges the Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Sub-Committee of the DNP struck an ad-hoc committee in April, 2002. This ad-hoc committee was endorsed by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. At its 2002-JUL-29 meeting, Council requested the DNP to expand the ad-hoc committee membership to include all parties affected by street entertainment. This included two members from the Street Entertainment community. This Committee met on a monthly basis to review and update the existing Bylaw and Street Entertainer locations. In addition, it solicited input from affected and interested parties.

After extensive review of the Street Entertainer Bylaw and Street Entertainer locations, the ad-hoc committee, in conjunction with City Staff, have revised the Street Entertainer Bylaw and Street Entertainer locations. The Managing Director of the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership has written a report (see reports of Advisory Bodies) which outlines the process and details behind the proposed Street Entertainer Bylaw. In addition, the ad-hoc committee has also developed Street Entertainer Policies and Guidelines, which provide further explanation and clarification of the regulations set out in the bylaw.

Recommendations: That the Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Council:

1. give first three readings to Street Entertainer Regulation Bylaw 2003 No. 5602; and,
2. endorse the Street Entertainer Policies and Guidelines as attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CITY MANAGER